

# GREAT STORMS THAT HAVE SWEEPED THE AMERICAN CONTINENT.

TEMPESTS OF TODAY ARE NOT MORE FIERCE OR MORE VIOLENT THAN THOSE OF FORMER DAYS—ON THE CONTRARY, THERE IS MUCH TRUTH IN THE "OLDEST INHABITANT'S" STORIES THAT STORMS WERE MUCH MORE SEVERE IN EARLIER DAYS—"THE GREAT SEPTEMBER GALE."

There is an element of truth in the cynical declaration that we take a subtle and unexpressed delight in the griefs of our friends. A like philosophy teaches us that we have a curious pride in our national calamities. We may then boast of the current year by reason of its 6 destructive winds. Already nearly 3,000 persons have been killed; a record surpassed only once before in the last fourteen years. 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